

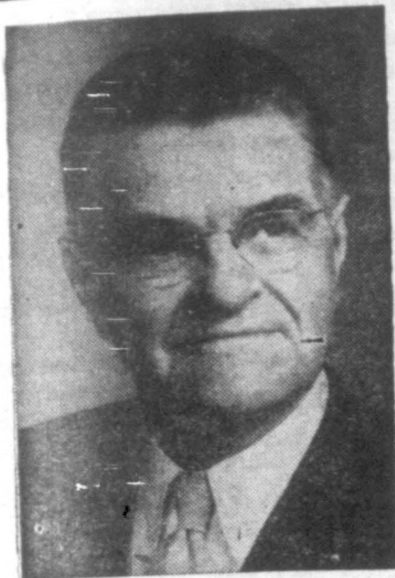
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DR. D. M. NELSON

Dr. D. M. Nelson, President, Mississippi College, will bring the closing message at the Mississippi Sunday School Convention, in the First Church, Jackson, on Wednesday evening, March 14.

Dr. Nelson has done an outstanding work through the years and has been a loyal and helpful leader in our Baptist work and program. He is an orator of the first rank, and his messages are always inspiring and challenging.

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Bowmar Ave. Adopts Policy Concerning Receiving Members

Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, Rev. O. L. Chambers, pastor, has adopted a new policy in regard to the reception of new members.

At a recent business meeting the church adopted the following: "All new candidates for church membership shall be required to take a study consisting of four class periods on: The Meaning of Church Membership; Stewardship; Doctrines, and Christian Duty. All new candidates for membership, whether by letter, statement, or for baptism, can be received only under the watchcare (Continued on Page Two)

CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT, BUT LIFE IS EXPENDABLE IN COMMUNIST CHINA, SAYS SECRETARY CAUTHEN

"The challenge of Communism cannot be met on the defensive," says Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. "Servants of God who are willing to count possessions and even life itself expendable must follow our Lord into areas trembling on the brink of the communist abyss. Dangers are real and risks are definite, but Christ is sufficient."

The Foreign Mission Board has just received an article, "Christian Work in Communist China," from Dr. Cauthen. It will be printed in the May issue of The Commission, Southern Baptist world journal published monthly by the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion of the Board.

In the article Dr. Cauthen says, "Communists are master propagandists. . . Not much is said about the fact that the Communist party numbers only four millions and is ruling four hundred fifty millions with an iron hand. Also it is

Annual POAU Meet Draws Huge Crowd

WASHINGTON—(WRR)—The third annual two-day national conference on Church and State, sponsored here by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, drew almost 3,500 persons—virtually a full house—to Constitution Hall in its climactic final session, at which Paul Blanshard, the noted author, and Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, president of POAU, were principal speakers.

Senators, U. S. Representatives, high officials in the federal government and many of the most notable Protestant and Jewish religious leaders, plus national Masonic officials, attended the final session, which was hailed by Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and recording secretary of the POAU, as "inspiring and heartening to the forces of religious freedom."

Dr. Poteat, formerly president of Colgate-Rochester (N. Y.) Divinity (Continued on Page Four)

Southwestern Professor Blasts Inadequate Mission Contributions

FORT WORTH, Texas —(BP)— "Unless more funds are made available to the Foreign Mission Board, less than half of the mission volunteers on this campus will be appointed as they graduate within the next three years—and this does not even count those whose hearts Christ is winning for world evangelization in other Southern Baptist seminaries."

This was the frank analysis of Dr. J. W. MacGorman, assistant professor of New Testament, presented to the student body of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in a recent missions day address. Southwestern has 320 foreign mission volunteers out of its total enrollment of 1455.

In support of his analysis Dr. Mac- (Continued on Page Two)

Peter Couldn't Have Been in Rome Bible Scholar Says: No Evidence In Scriptures

By ERNEST GORDON

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our readers will recall that a few weeks ago it was announced by Roman Catholic sources that the bones of the Apostle Peter had been discovered under St. Peter's basilica in Rome. There are two questions concerning this so-called discovery. 1. How to distinguish Peter's bones from other human bones after almost 2,000 years? 2. Why wait so long to discover them? We doubt that Peter was ever in Rome. There is no trustworthy evidence to prove it. There is much to disprove it. Dr. Ernest Gordon has written a revealing article concerning this matter. By permission of the Sunday School Times we reproduce that article below. It first appeared in the Sunday School Times.

There is no New Testament passage indicating that the Apostle Peter ever set foot in Rome. Further, there is much circumstantial evidence which

makes it obvious that he never could have visited the Eternal City.

The sole text that Roman theologians find in support of their vast appropriation of Peter is in his First Epistle (5: 13): "The church that is at Babylon . . . saluteth you." Babylon is, they say, a mystical name for Rome. A dangerous maneuver!

They say Peter used the disguising word to prevent discovery and possible persecution. But such was far from the apostle's spirit.

Such an interpretation is by no means necessary. Babylon in Peter's day had large Jewish population. Indeed in the eleventh century, we are told, there were still 20,000 Jews in that city. Peter had been sent primarily to the Jews; Paul so states in Galatians 2:7, "The gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter." The tactic of the Spirit of God fitted in with the geographical assignment. Paul was destined to evangelize the Occident; Peter to remain in the Orient.

Council of Jerusalem

Certainly Peter was in Palestine, not in Rome, in the earlier days (Acts 12:3). In the year 42 he was with Paul in Jerusalem (Gal. 1:18) and in A.D. 56 was present at the Council of Jerusalem. Strange that this council was not held in Rome if, as Roman theologians insist, Rome had been for more than forty years the center of the Christian world.

The account of the Council in Acts 15 is full of surprises. The persons most prominently mentioned are Paul and Barnabas who recount the wonderful work among the pagans of Cyprus and Asia Minor. Not a word of Peter's Roman converts during the fourteen years of his alleged residence there, although he spoke in the Council.

When the brethren sent letters of advice to Paul's churches in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, why were not the converts of Peter at Rome given similar directives? Would the Council have ignored the existence of a church in the capital of the Empire? It is impossible to sustain such a hypothesis!

Did Peter after the Council start out for Rome? No, for Paul notes in Galatians 2:9-11 that he went to Antioch.

The date was A.D. 56. Two years later Paul, then in Corinth, was writing the Epistle to the Romans. Up to that time there is no evidence at all in the New Testament that Peter had been in Rome. Yet by 58, according to Roman Catholic tradition, he had for 16 years been exercising his ministry there as Bishop of Rome.

Read the opening of the Epistle to the Romans. The dedication is "to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints."

It is fraternal deference, or even the simplest courtesy, not to have sent this letter through the representative head of the Roman church? How would one characterize the fact that a bishop addressed a command directly to the faithful of another diocese, ignoring altogether the existence of its spiritual leader, even affecting to shun the least allusion (Continued on Page Four)

Abrams To Re-Join Training Union Staff



REV. JOE ABRAMS

Joe Abrams has been elected as associate in the Training Union Department of our State Convention Board and will take up his duties April 9.

In addition to work in the Training Union Department, Mr. Abrams will have added responsibility in the matter of public relations or publicity work of all departments of the Convention Board and other phases of denominational work. Mr. Abrams is well qualified in both fields. He was a newspaper man before going into the pastorate, and has had wide experience in Training Union work as leader in his local church in earlier years, as pastor for several years, and as former associate in the State Training Union Department.

He is already well known in the state, is at present a member of the State Board, representing Noxubee Co. and counts his friends by his acquaintances. We commend him most heartily to our constituency.

The Local Church And Its Mission Stations

By J. PERRY CARTER

Note: Dr. J. Perry Carter, formerly of the Home Mission Board and now pastor of Flagler Street Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, has written this statement which we feel should be given to the greatest number of our Baptist people possible. We urge you to read carefully the statement. Chester L. Quarles.

The ultimate success of a mission station or chapel depends very largely upon its relationship to the sponsoring church and the way it is started. There are many cases where the new work has gotten "out of hand" and churches have become organized before they were ready. That a new work is self supporting financially is not necessarily an indication that it is ready to become an organized church. There may be men and women in the mission group who are capable of leadership and have had same experience in churches where they have served before. But they have worked together only a short while and thus do not know each other sufficiently well to perfect an adequate organization.

Mission stations and chapels should be conducted in such a way as to prevent hasty independence and at the same time insure contentment and happiness on the part of the extension group. The people of the mission stations will have little desire for hasty independence if the relationship between them and the sponsoring church is what it should be. Moreover, they are protected against many mistakes, involving pastoral leadership and problems that arise from time to time, because of their access to the wider experience of the members of the mission committee and the mother church.

I. THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Having decided and voted to sponsor an extension work, the church should, first of all, appoint or elect a mission committee which may be a sub-committee of, or separate from, the general mission committee of the church. This committee should be made up of representative men and women who are vitally interested in this type of service and able to give liberally of their time and talents in behalf of its promotion.

II. THE COMMUNITY

Next, the mission committee should select the community in which to start the new work, take a census or make a survey and report to the church. Let the church then vote to sponsor the work on the recommendation of the committee. In cities where there is a City Mission Program the city superintendent and his committee should stand ready to work in hearty co-operation with the sponsoring church in surveying the community and in the promotion of the work. Let consideration be given to organized churches located in such a way as to be affected by the work of the mission. It is possible for broken fellowship to so completely neutralize the accomplishments of the new work as to make the total, net results insignificant.

III. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Let the church determine, upon the recommendation of its mission committee, the amount of money to be spent from its own funds in support of the mission or chapel. This amount should be credited each month to a special ledger account in the books of the church treasurer under the name of the mission or chapel. A church can claim little credit for sponsoring an extension work when it does not make a worthy contribution to its support. The offerings or contributions of the mission group should be turned over to the church

treasurer each week and thus added to the amount appropriated by the church.

IV. DISBURSEMENTS

The church treasurer should pay salaries, expenses, etc., pertaining to the mission from funds credited to the mission account from the two sources; this upon approval of the missions committee. Accumulations in the mission account, above operating expenses and a worthy portion of the Cooperative Program, may be used as a building fund or to enlarge the new work, or as the sponsoring church may direct.

V. SECRETARY

When it is advisable let the church missions committee appoint or elect a finance or advisory committee and a financial secretary (not treasurer) from among the mission group. Let this committee or secretary count and keep a record of the money contributed by the mission group and turn it over to the finance committee or treasurer of the sponsoring church to be credited to the ledger account under the name of the mission.

VI. REPORTS

The church treasurer should provide a copy of the portion of his regular monthly reports, having to do with the mission account, for the advisory committee or secretary of the mission to read to the mission group. In this way the people of the mission are constantly aware both of the support of the church and their own contribution together with information as to what the money is being used for. It serves to stimulate their interests and to cause them to look forward to an increasingly large Baptist work in their midst. Thus the sponsoring church handles all the money and holds title to all property until the mission or chapel is organized into a church. Much misunderstanding is prevented and the work is protected against discouragement and failure.

VII. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the mission are members of the sponsoring church. It is well to keep their names on a separate roll or on cards of a different color than that of other members of the church so that they may be identified as belonging to the mission. The transfer of church letters to and from the mission group should be handled by the church. Mission members may become "charter members" of the new church organization when it is constituted.

VIII. AUTHORIZATION

When the mission group has a sufficient number of members they may be authorized by the sponsoring church to receive members, elect officers and attend to other business of the mission, subject, of course, to the approval of the sponsoring church. The mission should keep a list of its members identical with that of the church. All transactions should be reported promptly for the approval of the church.

IX. OFFICERS

The mission pastor should also be considered as the mission superintendent. He should understand very definitely that he is employed by the sponsoring church and not by the mission or the mission committee. He is in reality an assistant to the pastor of the sponsoring church with definitely assigned duties all of which may or may not have to do with the mission. Any effort on his part to run ahead of the mission committee or the church with reference to the future of the mission should be carefully and firmly guarded against.

When the mission group has men who are qualified to serve as deacons they

Archer Protests McQuade Attack

Dr. Glen L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United, striking back at Donald McQuade, national commander of the Catholic War Veterans, who had commented adversely on the recent third annual POAU national conference, declared that Mr. McQuade actually had released this statement before the Constitutional Hall speeches by Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat and Paul Blanshard actually had been delivered.

"It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr. McQuade's 'reply' to them is more notable for ponderous invective than for national argument," Dr. Archer asserted. "Mr. McQuade... reveals himself unmistakably as a prejudiced person, for he pre-judged the two principal speeches of the conference before they were uttered."

"...If Mr. McQuade thinks that, by assuming an air of bravado, he can laugh off POAU's rapidly-growing influence, he is sadly mistaken. While freedom lives, he cannot intimidate self-respecting American citizens... We accord to Mr. McQuade the full right to attack the United States Supreme Court, the American public school system, the principal of church-state separation, the American free press, the motion picture industry, and the Rotary Clubs. We ask that he accord to us the same right to defend these American institutions and agencies."

Accreditation Notation For Theology School At Southwestern Removed

One of the two notations in accreditation listed for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been removed by the American Association of Theological Schools, according to word received by Dr. Ray Summers, Director of the School of Theology.

A letter from Dr. Nevin C. Harner, chairman of the Association's Committee on Accreditation, advised that the notation, "inadequate library" is no longer listed. Expansion of the library's staff, facilities, and total volumes makes possible the dropping of this notation.

The only remaining notation against the school is one stating that more than ten per cent of the student body do not have college degrees.

"We are not disturbed because of this notation," Dr. Summers explained, "for these non-college students are always welcome. We anticipate this notation indefinitely."

may be elected (ordained when necessary) by the sponsoring church with the understanding that they are to serve only at the mission. They should not be additions to the deacon group in the sponsoring church.

X. PROGRAM

In so far as it is practical let the program of the mission or chapel include all that is done in our well-organized churches. People living in territories where extension work is promoted need to be enlisted in Bible study, training, worship and evangelistic effort to the fullest extent possible. The work prospers in proportion as they are challenged by a real program of Kingdom service.

Addendum: We hope and pray that a great number of our full-time churches will give earnest attention to the matter of setting up mission stations at the earliest possible time. C. L. Q.

Brotherhoods Pass 5,000-Mark

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Southern Baptists everywhere will be pleased with the progress which the Brotherhood movement made last year.

At the "close of business" December 31, 1950, there were 5,076 churches with functioning Brotherhoods, and the enrolment in these Brotherhoods was 167,744. This represents an increase over 1949 of 25% in organizations, and 18% in enrolment.

The spiritual power of 167,000 men organized in more than five thousand churches is beyond the reach of the imagination.

There is rapidly developing among Southern Baptist laymen an enormous evangelistic movement unprecedented in Christian history.

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Southwestern Professor

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Gorman said, "The Southern Baptist Convention ANNUAL of 1950 lists our membership as 6,761,256. Seventeen hundred fifty missionaries in the field would mean one missionary for every 3,863 Southern Baptists, which is not an unreasonable expectation. This same Annual lists 27,285 churches as affiliated with our Convention. Seventeen hundred fifty missionaries in the field would mean one missionary for every 21 churches, which is not an unreasonable expectation. The Annual indicates that the total gifts of these churches to all causes last year was \$178,337,307."

"The proposed budget of ten million dollars to support 1750 missionaries would represent only 5.6 per cent of our total gifts. It isn't unreasonable to expect that five or six cents out of every dollar given by Southern Baptists should be permitted to engage in the worldwide reach of the Great Commission. If the 6,761,265 members of Southern Baptist churches were to share equally the proposed ten million dollar budget to support a missionary force of 1750, it would amount to only \$1.47 a year, and it isn't unreasonable to expect each of our members to give three cents a week to the cause of worldwide missions."

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Bowmar Avenue Adopts

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of the church until these necessary requirements have been met."

The class for new members will meet on Sunday evening at the same time as the Training Union is being held.

Also in keeping with the church covenant, Bowmar Avenue is carrying out the following policy: "In case any member, after a reasonable length of time, does not show a any interest in the church's progress or should become critical and non-cooperating in the work of the church, it shall be the duty of the membership committee to visit such a person with a view of winning him back to a whole-hearted support of the church program. In the event such a visit is not satisfactory, the membership committee should advise the church itself. Under ordinary circumstances it is expected that either attendance to the services and contributions to the financial program will be accepted as evidence of interest. In some cases, as when one is without income and so situated to make attendance impossible, support in prayer is indeed a manifestation of deepest interest. When no worthy response can be secured, such lack of interest will be considered grounds for exclusion."

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Burma To Lose In Seagrave Matter

Most of our readers have read about the recent trial and conviction of Dr. Gordon Seagrave by a Burmese Court. An article concerning this matter was printed on page one of last week's issue. They also remember that Dr. Seagrave has given most of his life as a missionary doctor in Burma. He is the author of a best seller during World War II "The Burma Surgeon."

For fear of causing the Burmese Communists to take spite out on him, we hesitate to fully express our feelings concerning the treatment of Dr. Seagrave.

If any news dispatches correctly reported the trial, we fail to find any basis for his conviction.

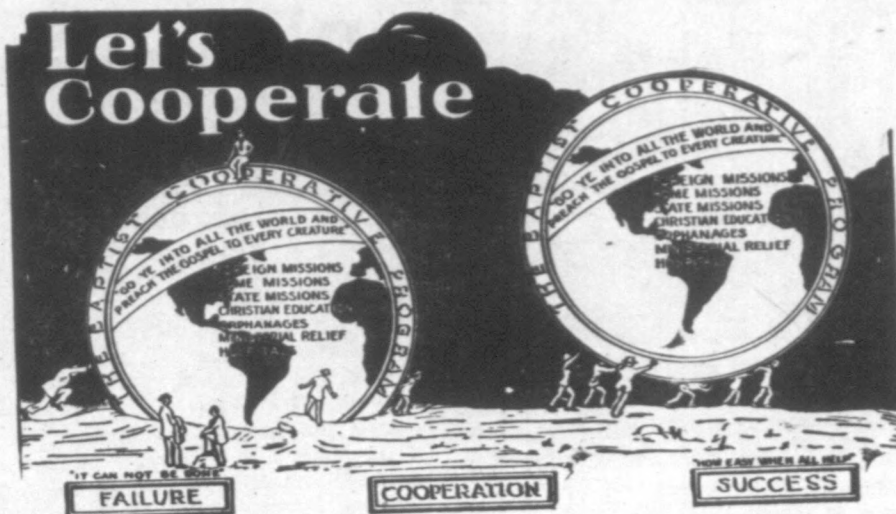
BUT, even if he were guilty as charged, which we doubt, some consideration should be given to his years of unselfish and sacrificial service to the people of Burma.

If compelled to serve his sentence Dr. Seagrave will only suffer the inconvenience of imprisonment. Not one friend will be lost, nor will his worldwide reputation as a missionary doctor be lessened. Those who have known, loved and admired him will love and admire him even more, if such is possible.

His Christ-like spirit was shown in the way in which he accepted the verdict. "I bear the Burmese people no malice for this," he said. "I sincerely hope the American people will not judge the people of Burma by the action of a few."

Certainly a man who has given the "last full measure of devotion" to a nation that had no claim on him deserves better treatment than Dr. Seagrave has received.

We join with millions of others



in the hope that the high court to which Dr. Seagrave has appealed will reverse the sentence and in so doing undo the damage as well as the ill will that this sentence has done to Burma.

The Burmese people will lose far more by imprisoning Dr. Seagrave than they will gain. They certainly will lose the friendship of many.

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A Hint To Churches

Is your pastor planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in San Francisco in June. He should. He needs the information and inspiration which he would receive there.

Is your church planning to pay all of his expenses? It should. It will send him back to the church with renewed vigor and a renewed challenge to lead the church in bigger and better things.

This year the Convention is farther away from us and it will cost more for your pastor to go. Many a pastor cannot make the trip, even though he knows the need and is hungry for such a spiritual feast, because of limited salaries and unlimited local expenses.

Baptists are a democratic people. We make our own plans and programs; therefore, it is important that our churches be well represented at the Convention. By sending your pastor, you will be helping your denomination as well as your own church.

Take action on this NOW. Many hotels are already filled and reservations will be hard to get if they are not made soon. Let your pastor know that his expenses will be taken care of, so that he can begin to plan to attend. Either provide the funds out of the church budget or let someone take the lead and solicit the funds from among the members of the church.

A hint to the wise is sufficient and we feel that many of our churches will not deprive themselves of the blessing they will get in sending their pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bring Them Home

In last week's issue of the Baptist Record there was printed a list of Mississippians who are graduating at the New Orleans Seminary. This week's issue contains a list of those who are graduating at Southern Seminary. It is hoped to have the list of the Southwestern graduates in the next issue (if it comes).

These young men and women are to be congratulated on the completion of their seminary courses. May we not only extend our congratulations, but our best wishes. And one of those best wishes is that the Lord in some way will lead them back home. These young men and women are indoctrinated and trained to help lead Mississippi Baptists onward and upward.

May we suggest that all of us do all that we can to bring these young people back home. Knowing Mississippi, these young people will be able to fit in with the work as it is now organized. Pastorless churches, churches in need of educational directors and other workers, as well as Baptist institutions and agencies in need of teachers and other workers might do well to contact some of these young folks. They are ours and we need them.

And we would also call attention to the fact that many of them are available for summer work. Not only those who are graduating, but many of the students who have not yet finished their courses would be available.

Let's bring them home.

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The Sunday School Convention

On page one in last week's issue was an article covering the meeting of the State Sunday School Convention in the First Church, Jackson, March 13-14. And we call a special attention to the program theme of the Convention. It is: "Provide in Every Church for Every Member of

Every Family."

On the Sunday School page is printed the complete program for the Convention. Note that all phases of the Sunday School field are provided for. State Sunday School Secretary Dr. E. C. Williams arranged the program and deserves praise for a good job. This is Dr. Williams' fourteenth year as State Sunday School Secretary. Prior to that time he served as associate to J. E. Byrd for 13 years.

Baptists have no more important work than the Sunday School, for it is one of the main stays for our program of evangelism. Approximately nine out of ten additions to our churches come through the Sunday School. We win one person out of every three enrolled in the Sunday School and only one out of every 240 not enrolled. These figures should inspire and encourage everybody to give renewed emphasis to the work of the Sunday School.

With the Convention program crowded with leaders, both state and southwide, the Convention offers great opportunities to all who attend. It will make poor Sunday School workers better and good Sunday School workers, best. Let everyone who possibly can attend

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Our Readers Write

A STRONG STATEMENT

Jehovah's Witnesses are the true and only Christians on earth today because they like Christ comfort all that mourn. I conclude by truthfully saying that every religious doctrine held by the religious churches is against God, which proves that Christianity is not a religion. It is God's truth.

Yours for Christian truth,

J. S. WATSON

Paia, Maui, T. H.

Comment: This is just a sample of some of the Jehovah's Witness (Russellite) stuff that we receive.

Laurel, Miss

Soul conservation must be our church in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade this year. Soul winning is always important but when we consider the great number of "displaced persons" of our church rolls we see the importance of "soul keeping" as well.

"Tend my lambs" "feed my sheep" said the Master of Simon Peter's re-dedication day. These words set the servant of the Saviour at the task of feeding and tending the sheep of the fold. This operation calling for a proper diet and proper guidance demands that every agency of the church set itself to the right conditioning and proper employment of every new member of the church.

The Word of God is the proper food for the soul. It may be the "sincere milk of the Word" to some and the "strong meat of the Word" to others. They must have the rich treasures of the blessed book if they are to develop into strong and fruitful Christians. Then from feasting on the Word they must journey to prayer places and then into service opportunities and all under the guidance of the church if our churches are to be to them that which our Lord designed them to be.

Enlistment then is the word and the work during and after the revival for truly they must be enlisted if they are to be fed. The Sunday School should get them for Bible study, the Training Union

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Shown above are three members of the Lula Church who are sisters, who were presented with a pin and perfect attendance certificates for their perfect attendance in Sunday School for the past year. Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gillock, they are left to right: Sarah, Sue and Judy Gillock. Rev. Henning Andrews is the pastor.

Peter Couldn't Have Been

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to him? That is exactly the case in this important Epistle, if Peter were then bishop of Rome.

Paul Notes Need in Rome

Read on further: "I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift... I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are in Rome also" (vs. 11, 15). These are very surprising words, are they not, from the pen of an apostle whose writings always witness to his tactfulness?

"What!" the Christians of Rome would have replied, "has not the Gospel already been announced to us and by the Apostle Peter himself? As to spiritual gifts for our edification, who is better able to give them to us than the representative of Jesus Christ on earth? Are you not aware that we have the notable privilege of having him head our church now for sixteen years?"

If this seems exaggeration let one read attentively this Epistle to the Romans. Paul speaks in a way unmistakable implying that they have urgent need, not only for deeper instruction, but of information on the most elementary truths of the Christian faith. He warns, counsels, exhorts. Everything indicates that the Roman community was lacking in spiritual knowledge. Does not this imply that the presence of the Apostle Peter in Rome before A.D. 58 was wholly unlikely?

And another consideration even more significant. The Epistle contains (a unique fact) nearly an entire chapter of salutations. There are 27. Among all the names, of whom few have come down in history, a single name is lacking. And what a name—the name of Peter! To forget or to omit to mention the name of Peter, the name of the sovereign pontiff! Truly it is impossible!

This is the more disturbing since very grave events had happened in Rome in these 15 years. During Claudius' reign the Jews had been subject to persecution (Acts 18:2), chased out of Rome en masse, and together with them many Christians. A certain Aquila and Priscilla fell in with Paul at Corinth where they had taken refuge. Through them apparently the apostle had been informed about the Christians in Rome.

Is it not surprising that the Book of Acts mentions in this connection Priscilla and Aquila, but of Peter, not a word?

Since Paul could not have been unaware of the presence of Peter in Rome, if he had been there, the only possible conclusion for an honest and reflective mind is that, in the year 58, the presence of Peter in the imperial capital had not been recorded.

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THE UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA reports that none of the colleges which they have supported in the past can now receive funds from the United States.

Annual POAU Meet

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School and now a Baptist minister in Raleigh, N. C., was interrupted frequently by heavy and prolonged applause during his speech on "Roman Catholic In Legislation"—Would It Make Any Difference?"

A fundamental conflict exists between the ideals of representatives, republican government and the political ambitions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, Dr. Poteat maintained. Declaring that his remarks were conceived as "a partial answer" to a question raised by Father Francis X. Talbot, former editor of the Jesuit Magazine, America, in a statement published in the New York Globe of December 14, 1930, Dr. Poteat quoted the Jesuit divine as follows: "The old Protestant culture is about at the end of its rope... Why can't we raise a tidal wave that will bring Catholic culture into the United States? Why can't we make the United States Catholic in legislation, Catholic in justice, aims and ideals?"

Observing that "a large proportion" of American non-Catholics obviously think it would make little difference, Dr. Poteat attempted to show that achievement of the Roman Catholic hierarchy's legislative goals could not be accomplished without a revolution in the American political system and the destruction of the freedoms guaranteed by the "Bill of Rights."

Cites Catholic Sources

If the U. S. were to become "Catholic in legislation," Dr. Poteat contended, church and state in this country would be made one instead of having church and state virtually separate. To prove that union of church and state is the Roman Catholic ideal, he cited several statements of Catholic scholars and Popes.

Summing, the POAU president declared: "We cannot make the U. S. Catholic in legislation because it would not, by its law, convert godless Americans to Christian piety; it would change the U. S. from a democracy to a clerical dictatorship. That, we are sure for ourselves, as well as for many of our Catholic fellow-Americans, is reason enough."

He proposed that all Americans—Catholics and Protestants—substitute for the question asked by Father Talbot the following query: "Why can't we make the United States more democratic in legislation, more democratic in justice, aims and ideals?" Here is no invidious distinction between sectarian loyalties; here is no demand for advantage by one over another. Here is room for the finest religious devotion, moral rectitude and social cooperation. Here is something that minorities must encourage in order to ensure their survival, something majorities must protect lest they lose their souls to the latent tyranny of the mob."

After the conference, many of its lead-

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QUICK QUOTES

Give a pig and a boy everything they want. You'll get a good pig and a bad boy. —Bill McKenna.

The oldest people today are the young people. They are a sad people, too, in a way that only old young people can be sad. —Hal Boyle.

A church must do regularly five things if its Sunday School reaches people in ever increasing numbers. It must know the people who ought to be in Sunday School, secure additional workers, provide adequate space, train the workers, and maintain regular visitation. —J. N. Barnette.

To the question, "what is the greatest grief of fathers?" one replied: "Why seeing our sons inherit all our weaknesses."

We come into the world as little children with undeveloped powers, wherein lie latent all the boundless possibilities of a higher and grander humanity than has yet appeared upon the earth. —John Fiske.

Many a small boy is the kind of kid his mother wouldn't want him to play with. —Selected.

The college years should be those in which that segment of our population privileged to higher education and destined to lead grows spiritually to a level above the normal religious standard of our civilization... The decision as to how much of what religion our nation will have rests in the hands of students coming through our colleges and universities now... leaders with some incentive more powerful than materialism and more worthy than greed are necessary to salvage this century and this civilization.

Pearl City Calls Pastor Chapman

Rev. James T. Chapman has accepted the pastorate of the Pearl City Church in Rankin County and has moved into the parsonage. He came to the church from the pastorate of Hickory Grove Church in Lamar County, where he served until March 1.

During his two years at Hickory Grove the church remodeled its auditorium and completed a ten room Sunday School annex, all of which is debt free. The Sunday School has grown from an average of 35 in attendance to an average of 200. The Training Union has shown similar growth. There were 66 additions during last year.

At the first prayer meeting service after his moving on the field, Mr. Chapman and his family were surprised by a "pounding" by the church. Among the gifts was a quilt for the parsonage, made by the W.M.U.

ers voiced considerable dissatisfaction concerning Washington newspaper coverage of the conference. Many of them were so chagrined at what they termed "reparatorial sabotage" practiced by one newspaper and the "slovenly, second-rate coverage" of another, they were thinking seriously of appointing a committee to call on Washington newspaper publishers to find out why a meeting of such great national importance could not be treated more fully and fairly. The Protestant leaders generally expressed themselves at being well-pleased at coverage in The New York Times, but as being disappointed, to put it most charitably, at general wire coverage and Washington coverage of their biggest and best conference yet.

tion... the college church offers the student a wholesome social life and warm fellowship, an opportunity for Christian education and guided Bible study, the privilege of leadership training, a chance for communal worship and the development of techniques of individual worship, and an understanding of God. —Eric Coffield.

POTPOURRI

We've heard of several BSUs having Freshman Executive Councils for a week or so with excellent results... "Christ is the Answer" is not only the theme for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade east of the River Mar. 25-Apr. 8 but is also the truth needed by this benighted world... We were greatly blessed by the recent experience of supplying for Pastor Wayne Todd, of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, while he was in a meeting on the campus of our Alma Mater, Georgetown College, in Kentucky... Recent and much enjoyed peregrinations have taken us to Woman's College and Wood Jr. College for chapel talks, and to the Mathiston Rotary Club for something similar... College pastors, we need your presence and encouragement. Hope it will be possible for you to attend Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 6-13... Miss. Baptists' Exec. Sec'y Chester Quarles; Dr. R. H. Spiro, Jr., of Miss. College; Dr. Lofton Hudson, of Kansas City, are planning to be in our Convention, Nov. 2-4... We're prayerfully preparing for a Youth Revival Crusade for the summer months... State Council meets Sat., Mar. 10... Miss. may send one Student Summer Missionary to the Hawaiian Islands, four to the West Coast, according to the Nashville office.

Christ Is Sufficient, But

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in China... Public meetings were assembled for the purpose of hurling charges against honored missionaries. Some institutions were informed they must accuse an American missionary even though it be one already dead...

Christ In China To Stay

"Amid all this difficulty, however, Christ's work in China continues. Churches are well attended and people are still being won to Christ... Christ is in China to stay. He will not be forced out by any government which may arise. Those who love Him will have to go through bitter experiences and some may have to lay down their lives, but the gospel will win."

Dr. Cauthen is stationed in Hong Kong. He reports that the few remaining Southern Baptists missionaries in China will be coming out shortly. He continued in The Commission article, "The reverses in China must become the occasion of our taking the message of Christ into every place where the doors are still open. Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Siam, and India have more than six hundred million people. Each of these lands is threatened by Communism but while opportunity remains, we must go to make Christ known."

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Our Readers Write

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for spiritual training, the preaching service for worship and guidance, and then the other agencies for their special contributions to development and growth.

If we see to it that every member joins the whole church and then give to him a full plate even as he gives himself through the church we will do much to conserve that which we win. This will assure the results of this year's crusade of taking place with the "lasting" rather than with the "passing."

H. J. RUSHING, Pastor
West Laurel Church

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I have just read your editorial on Pad-ded Church Rolls and so thought I would write you and tell you of a system which the Sardis Baptist Church adopted many years ago which takes care of this matter in a way which we like very much.

About every five years we have a Roll Call Day in our church. For some weeks before that day we give publicity to the fact that we are having such a day by putting items in the local paper and by writing letters to no-resident members, stating that the church roll will be called on a certain date and that we wish to hear from all those who wish to remain on the active roll of our church.

Following the Roll Call, a new church record is ordered and the names of all those who respond in any manner are put in the new book, the old book being put aside for reference. In this way we keep a live roll. At the present time we have a membership of about 340, some 300 of whom are resident members. Had we not adopted this system in the years gone by, we probably now would be showing some 500 members.

C. B. YOUNG, Church Clerk
Sardis, Mississippi

Biloxi, Miss.

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Thanks a lot for the article on the pastor's wife; it paid off today with a very beautiful new double white enamel sink for my kitchen.

Wouldn't it be nice to hear from all those it helped?

Sincerely,

MRS. G. C. HODGE

Comment: As we have often said, "The Baptist Record does help."

And we add, "In many ways." Recently a pastor gave the Baptist Record credit for a salary raise.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means of expressing to Mississippi Baptists our gratitude for their prayers, thoughtfulness, and many gifts made to us after our recent misfortune. You have made it possible for us to pay a \$300 hospital bill and set us back on the road to recovery.

God has been even more wonderful in healing of third degree burns with hardly any noticeable scars. We are indebted to God, to His churches, and to His people everywhere. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! (Psalms 107:8).

Prayerfully yours,

REV. & MRS. STANLEY J. SMITH
(Editor's Note: The above refers to the burning of the parsonage at Mantee on Dec. 9, 1950.)

—BR—

GEORGE HORN ORDAINED

George W. Horn was ordained Wednesday night, February 14, at Newton Church.

The ordination council was composed of 18 ordained ministers. Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor, served as moderator.

The examination was conducted by Dr. J. E. Wills. The sermon and charge were delivered by Dr. John F. Carter. A Bible was presented in behalf of the church by Rev. Louis Farmer, Jr. The ordaining prayer was led by Rev. Hollis V. Bryant. After the laying of hands,

Pfeifer Has Anniversary



REV. T. L. PFEIFER

Sunday March 4 marked the third anniversary of Rev. T. L. Pfeifer as pastor of the Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian.

There have been 102 professions of faith, 173 by letter and statement, making a total of 275 additions to the church. The present membership is 1,081.

The auditorium has been completely remodelled with a beautiful new baptistry and carpet. The property adjoining the church has been purchased with a Junior Adult Department organized and meeting in the new building. The Nursery Department has been completely renovated. The attendance in every organization has increased.

Extensive improvements have been made in the offices, with new furniture and equipment added.

Financially, the church is going forward showing a decided increase in the number of tithers. The building fund is also growing.

Beginning March 1, the church is sponsoring three branch Sunday Schools in sections of the church territory.

Pastor Pfeifer has served as president of the Baptist Pastor's Conference of Meridian, Secretary of the County Ministerial Association and is now moderator of the Lauderdale County Baptist Association.

—BR—

THE WOMEN OF THE PALAU Islands have petitioned the United Nations to ban alcohol from their island. The petition states "there is no peace in the houses where there is drinking."

the congregation joined in the right hand of fellowship.

Mr. Horn is serving as pastor of Pine Hill church in Clarke County and is a student at Clarke College.



GEORGE W. HORN

MRS. W. H. BOONE

With subdued hearts we make this tribute of loving respect to our friend and co-worker, Mrs. W. H. Boone, of Puckett, whom God in his infinite wisdom saw best to call to her heavenly home on January 19, 1951.

As we remember the life she lived among us we feel deeply the loss suffered by church and community by her going. We can remember gratefully her many years of service to her church. All her activities, whether for church or community, were marked by careful attention and prayer. Like a weaver's shuttle she had woven her threads of silver and gold in a mantle of charity and love for her fellow man.

She loved the W.M.U. work passionately. She knew its program and was content only when she was having a part

in its advancement. When she could no longer leave her room because of ill health she still manifested the great passion of her heart to continue in the work.

So she left us, the earth better for her coming, heaven richer for her going, herself better fitted for the true life because of the way in which she lived.

She rests from all her labors and her works do follow her.

Puckett W.M.U.

—BR—

THE GOLDEN RULE FOUNDATION also reports that the pastor receiving \$2,400 in salary in 1939 would have to receive \$4,195 today to have the same buying power.

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WELCOME BACK TO THE TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT MR. ABRAMS! Yes we are happy to welcome back to the State Training Union Department Mr. Joe Abrams, who served so acceptably for several years prior to Mr. Morgans coming to our department.

During these past few years Mr. Abrams has been the beloved pastor of the Shuqualak Baptist Church, and all during the pastorate he has been besieged by many churches who have made flattering overtures to him to come with them as Educational Director, these, with the many calls that have come from churches for his services in Training Schools and Enlargement Campaigns, many of which he has been able to accept, has assured him that it is the Lord's will for him to accept the offer from the State Board to again serve the state through the opportunities afforded by the Training Union Department. We commend him to you as one who will serve humbly, and efficiently, in every way possible seeking the advancement of Christ and His great program.

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES FROM THE MISSION FIELDS TOLD BY THE ADULTS

The Training Union Department is sponsoring a contest for adults as a part of our convention programs. This feature will be HUMAN INTEREST STORIES FROM THE MISSION FIELDS told by members of our Adult

unions. The stories may be from any mission field, preferably from our own Southern Baptist Territory. They will be limited to SEVEN minutes each.

It is permissible to obtain a story from any source. It may be a story you have heard a missionary tell. Stories may be gathered from mission magazines, books or tracts. The story should not be the life of a missionary, but rather the result of a missionary's work in the life of some native. The only rule we are making is that they must be true stories.

This contest will be promoted as are all the other contests. Each church will select their best story teller and send their representative to the associational elimination contest. The winner in the Associational Contest will go to the District Contest. The one selected at the District Convention will be asked to be on our State Convention Program.

For many years Southern Baptist Churches have engaged in some form of mission study. These stories will create an even greater interest in mission work on the part of many people, and we should be able to sponsor a more successful program of missionary education, as we develop a greater realization and awareness of world needs.

Nothing is more interesting than a good story, and mission stories rate among the best. We are looking forward with keen interest to hearing a large number of adults in this special part of our program.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY HAS 10 MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES



LOUISVILLE, Ky. March 6—Candidates for graduation from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary May 4 include ten from Mississippi. This does not include candidates for the Th.D. degree, who will be announced later.

Candidates for degrees are bottom row left to right:

John Norris Defoore, Sidon; Schuyler Morris Batson, Gulfport; George Truett Boyd, Prentiss; Daniel Baker Cameron, Jr., Meridian; Herschell Eugene Crawford, Meridian. Top row: Harold Tribble Kitchings, Clinton; Joel Dillard Ray, Corinth; John Warren Steen, Jr., Jackson; Thomas Herschel Thornell, Meridian; Paul Wesley Kolb, Blue Springs. All are to receive the B.D. degree except Mr. DeFoore who will be awarded the Th.M. degree.

—BR—

OUTLINE STUDIES IN MARK (\$1.50) by Dr. John L. Hill is particularly helpful in studying the book of Mark in the present series of Sunday School lessons. This study of the life of Jesus is easy to follow and will be helpful for the beginner in Bible study. Order from the Abingdon-Cokesburg Press, Nashville, or from the Baptist Book Store.

Dr. Swor To Speak At Hinds Youth Rally

Dr. Chester Swor, outstanding youth leader of the South, will bring the inspirational message at the Associational Youth Rally at Clinton Church, Sunday, March 11, at 3:00 P. M.

This rally is being held as a part of the preparation for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, March 25-April 6. Special music will be furnished by the Woman's College octet.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

TUTWILER IS NUMBER 991

When Rev. J. B. Ray became pastor of the Tutwiler Church, we predicted that it wouldn't be long before that good church had adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. We were a good prophet.

A few days ago the EVERY FAMILY list of the Tutwiler Church was received and thus this church becomes number 991 on the EVERY FAMILY roll of the Baptist Record.

In adopting the EVERY FAMILY plan Tutwiler Church disproves the oft times used excuse that "we are building and cannot afford the Baptist Record."

Under the leadership of Pastor Ray the Tutwiler saints have erected a \$50,000 building which they occupied last Sunday.

Tutwiler Baptists are going places.

Tallahatchie County Record readers are now listed as follows: TUTWILER, 78; Brazil, 14; CASCILLA, 25; CHARLESTON, 159; Corinth, 2; COWART, 25; Friendship, No. 1, 14; FRIENDSHIP NO. 2, 50; MT. PISGAH, 24; New Life, 6; PAUL, 20; PAYNES, 75; PHILIPP, 50; SPRING HILL, 33; SUMNER, 57; WEBB, 78; Bethlehem, 4; Tippo, 16.

THE SMALL ONES ALSO COUNT

Recently the Baptist Record received a letter from which the following sentence is quoted:

"Enclosed find seven subscriptions to the Baptist Record. This being 50% of the families in our small church, we are sending one dollar for each subscription."

Whether a church is large or small, the members need the Baptist Record. And regardless of size, if half or more of the families subscribe, they get it for one dollar per year. They not only get it, but in reading it they become more interested in the work of their denomination.

Any pastor is failing to take advantage of that which is available, when he fails to lead his church to become a Baptist Record church. All churches are welcome, whether large or small. We love every subscriber.

23 HELPED IN FEBRUARY

One of the greatest assets of the Baptist Record is the large number of friends throughout the state. While it is impossible with a limited staff to make note of every subscription, we do pause to thank the 23 churches that sent in additions to their lists during the month of February. These added names brought us to within 130 of the 69,000 mark in circulation. We hope to reach that mark in March.

The largest number of additions to an EVERY FAMILY list was Gulfport, First. They added 201 names, and now have a total of 850.

Other churches sending in additions to

Sunday School and Training Union

Attendance

March 4, 1951

Bethel (Pearl River)	104	71
Pascagoula, First	909	380
Main Schol	622	227
Eastlawn Mission	84	43
Unity Mission	92	62
Orange Grove Mission	39	48
McArthur Mission	29	
Jackson Avenue Mission	43	
Calvary (Amite County)	70	72
South McComb	208	61
Louisville, First	340	149
Salem (Lauderdale Co.)	60	39
Antioch (Neshoba County)	66	40
Columbus, East End	181	96
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	89	29
East McComb	398	182
Springfield (Scott County)	77	34
Gulport, First	734	245
Laurel, Highland	92	61
Lucedale	339	147
New Hope (Marion County)	168	134
Newton	607	305
New Prospect (Lincoln Co.)	200	129
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	117	70
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	113	51
Brookhaven, First	1,183	428
Main School	953	274
Hamilton Street Chapel	103	62
Central Chapel	127	92
Crystal Springs, First	599	188
Clarksdale	125	601
Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	68	42
Bunker Hill (Marion Co.)	225	162
Columbus, First	724	264
West Laurel	413	106
Laurel, First	559	143
Grenada, First	668	106
Bethlehem (Jones County)	139	118
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	160	83
Calhoun City, First	285	114
Harmony (Jones County)	83	42
Houston, First	204	68
Bogue Chitto (Pike Co.)	63	81
Bruce	282	86
Laurel, Second Avenue	420	94
Hattiesburg, Main Street	904	216
East Fork (Amite County)	100	32
Jackson, Northside	436	112
Calvary	1,531	326
Calvary Mission	16	15
Crestwood	568	349
East Side	125	52
Paul Truitt	181	112
Southside	313	146
Van Winkle	424	213
Meridian, First	713	160
Highland	507	151
Fifteenth Avenue	446	71
Fifteenth Avenue Chapel	24	
Poplar Springs	351	112
Poplar Springs Mission	24	12
Eighth Avenue	310	67
Forty-first Avenue	270	66
Southside	318	123
Key Field	121	43

February 25, 1951

Corinth, Tate Street	296	93
Union (Alcorn County)	53	89

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THE REVIVAL AT LORENA CHURCH in Smith County will begin on March 18 and continue for one week, according to Rev. D. W. Moulder. The time of the meeting was changed because the church was anxious to have Rev. B. T. Bishop as the evangelist. He could not be with them at the regular Crusade date.

their lists were: Biloxi, First, 36; Biloxi, Second, 12; Booneville, First, 10; Calvary, Jackson, 20; Calvary, Greenville, 25; Cleveland, First, 28; Collinsville, 34; Doddsville, 12; Evergreen, Wayne, 16; Glendale, Forrest, 67; Greenville, First, 36; Harmony, Jones, 44; Jackson, First, 56; Lowry Memorial, Blue Mountain, 75; Mathiston, 15; Meridian, 15th Avenue, 17; Pascagoula, First, 14; Poplar Spring Drive, Meridian, 11; Quitman, 14; Raymond, 14; Southside, Jackson, 22; Tunica, 31; Yazoo, First, 31.

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Southern Baptists And Social Security

By DR. WALTER R. ALEXANDER
Executive Secretary
Relief and Annuity Board

Southern Baptists believe in the principle of social security. They have advocated it for many years. Their several retirement plans are evidence of their belief in this principle. These plans reveal their desire to secure the application of this principle in behalf of all the workers in all the estates of the denomination, all of whom have been excluded from automatic coverage under the Federal Social Security Act.

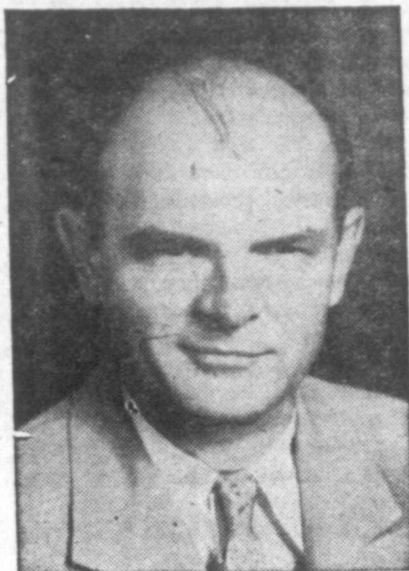
To that end, the denomination is promoting, through its own agency, the Relief and Annuity Board, a dozen plans, some of which antedate the Federal Social Security Act. Within the coverage of these plans is a place for every individual within our complex, growing denominational life who bears a salaried relationship to the denomination. Multiplied thousands of individuals hold membership now in these plans, including pastors of local Baptist churches, presidents of Baptist Colleges, matrons in Baptist children's homes, nurses in our hospitals, stenographers and secretaries in employ of boards and agencies, church secretaries, educational directors, et cetera. No distinction has ever been made as to sex, age, race, or type of service rendered. Thus, not all of these participants are white. Many are Indians. Many are Negroes. Not all are Baptists. But all of them, without exception, are salaried workers within our denominational life.

Many workers in the lower income brackets have never been covered by our retirement plans—but this is not because the denominational Board made no provision for such. They remain uncovered only when employers fail to make such coverage possible, or where the individual himself shows no interest. Many lay church employees apparently do not know (or the church officials do not know) that we offer coverage to them, and have done so for the past 15 years in the Age Security Plan for lay church employees. This fact alone (namely, that Southern Baptists had provided for their lay workers) was a weighty factor, a year ago, in bringing the Senate Finance Committee to amend HR Bill 6000 so as to make participation by employees of non-profit organizations voluntary rather than mandatory. They all stated they did not wish to interfere with plans already in operation by the several denominations, and of long standing.

Why should Southern Baptists look elsewhere, if the service the denominational Board can render them is comparable to that they can secure elsewhere?

The average Southern Baptists supports world missions through his own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The average Southern Baptist church secures its Bible lesson helps, et cetera, through its own publishing house, the Sunday School Board. Therefore, it is but natural to expect the churches, boards, institutions, and agencies of Southern Baptists to give first consideration to the plans for social security offered through their own agency. The denominational Board is ready to furnish ample evidence of the fact that the benefits it offers through the several plans it operates are greater than can be secured by our workers elsewhere. These plans offer more, without the red tape of governmental supervision or other attendant complications that may yet

Ben Borders Accepts Ruth Pastorate



REV. BEN BORDERS

Rev. Ben Borders, a native of Springfield, Ky., has accepted the pastorate of the Ruth Church. He will serve the church in connection with his studies at New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Borders was ordained in Miami, Florida, and has been active in church work there. He formerly served as Grand Knight of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and had planned to be a Trappist Monk. He had been accepted as a candidate at Gethsemane Monastery in Kentucky. The story of his conversion has been written and is to be published in tract form by the Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Borders, nee Clarissa Lassiter, is a graduate of the New Orleans Seminary and is a graduate nurse.

He succeeds Rev. R. C. Johnson who resigned the pastorate at Ruth to begin a pastorate in Georgia.

arise, constituting a threat to the separation of Church and State. All the retirement plans of the Relief and Annuity Board have the denominational stamp of approval upon them. They all look to the end the founding fathers had in view in 1918: That of security against life's contingencies for all the servants of the denominational. Thus, through these plans, is provided old age income for the worker who lives beyond earning capacity, income for the individual who becomes totally and permanently disabled, and income for the widow of that man who dies in active service.

For the individual who wishes to save with regularity something in addition to his retirement plan dues, there is the Special Deferred Annuity Certificate. Through participation in that plan, he can substantially increase his old age income, if he will. All the services we render assure safety of principle, and a liberal interest return as well.

It is no longer a day of small beginnings with the Relief and Annuity Board. The Board has assets today in excess of twenty and a half million dollars; and, behind every certificate it issues, stands everything that Southern Baptists represent as a great Christian body. The Board is grateful before God for the record it has been privileged to make through the years. Its investment department has earned for Southern Baptists, on the funds invested for them, more than seven millions of dollars. Its relief and annuity departments have disbursed in benefits over fourteen millions of dollars. No such statistic can reveal, however, even a fractional part of the blessing these benefits have brought, and still bring every day to the

POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE ORGANIZES BROTHERHOOD

W. E. Thompson, Sec.-Treas. of the newly organized Poplar Springs Drive Brotherhood of Meridian, sent us the following report:

"Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church recently organized a Brotherhood with 30 charter members. We are averaging above 30 men each weekly meeting night with every prospect of regular attendance reaching 50 in the near future.

"Much interest is being manifest under the leadership of Steve Youngblood, President. Mr. David Q. Byrd, Pastor, is lending able assistance in a spiritual way. Other officers are; J. Doug Huffman, Program Vice President; William J. Denton, Membership Vice President; C. Lamar McDonald, Chorister; Elmer Litchfield, Activities Vice President and W. E. Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

"A fish supper was held recently in the church annex with 100 men in attendance. Carrol Gartin of Laurel, was the featured speaker.

"We are meeting weekly on Family Night and averaging 30 men each week. Forty were in attendance last Wednesday night. We feel sure that we are going to have a fine working Brotherhood real soon."

GRADED BROTHERHOOD—IT'S COMING

In the very near future we should see not one but at least two Brotherhoods in every church. Grading Adults in Sunday School work has meant more than any other one thing in the phenomenal growth of the Adult attendance of the Sunday school service of our churches. If it works in Sunday school, it will work in Brotherhood. The truth about the business is, that we are not reaching many of our young men from

17 years and up through 25 or 30 years in our present organized Brotherhood. Perhaps we should have a Junior Brotherhood for the younger group and an Adult Brotherhood for the older men. Your reaction to this suggestion will be greatly appreciated.

FAMILY NIGHT PLAN FOR BAPTIST CHURCHES

The Family Night Plan for Baptist Churches is just one of the many plans that is being used in Mississippi Baptist Churches. This department has never recommended any one meeting time or plan for Brotherhoods to meet, but we simply pass on suggestions that come to us from the various churches. The Family Night Plan is just another of the many ways that our churches, under the leadership of the Pastors, have solved the problem of a meeting time.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY PLAN?

1. The Brotherhood, W.M.U., Y.W.A., G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Sunbeams meet in separate organizations just before prayer meeting Wednesday evening. All assemble together, have song and prayer, and then go to separate meetings.
2. At time agreed upon all come back to auditorium where general secretary reports attendance. Appropriate board may be used, as in Sunday school and Training Union.
3. Pastor takes charge of prayer service which should consist of song—devotional scripture—presentation of objects of prayer—and a real meeting closed with an appropriate song, and benediction. SLOGAN: "ONE NIGHT, EVERYTHING, FOR EVERYBODY."

CHURCHES INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING their churches will be interested in the Keister "Support the Church" series. The series now composed of over 300 ads is complete in mat form. It is aimed primarily at the unchurched and lapsed members; hence, the use of many human interest illustrations. These ads are now running regularly each week in over 550 newspapers, some of them for as much as six years continuously. Persons interested should write the Keister Advertising Service, Strasburg, Va.

Orphanage Heads Have Annual Meet

Superintendents of Baptist orphanages, in their annual meeting at Lakeland, Florida, elected Sam M. Smith of South Carolina as president for the coming year. He succeeds H. Truman Maxey of Oklahoma. Wade B. East, Field Secretary of the Oklahoma Home, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Hosts were Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. Johns of the Florida Baptist Children's Home.

Named regional vice-presidents of the organization officially known as the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, were: W. C. Reed of North Carolina, E. E. Cox of Alabama, Harold Seefeldt of Arkansas, and Ford Deusner of Kentucky.

The group voted to hold its 1952 meeting on February 6-8, at Springs Meadows Home, Middletown, Kentucky, where Sam Ed Bradley is superintendent.

thousands of individuals who toiled through their yesterdays on modest incomes, to make possible today all that Southern Baptists now rejoice in and enjoy. The Board has become a stabilizing influence undergirding the entire denominational life.

This is the fifth and final article in this series. If you have read them, we thank you for the courtesy you have extended us. If we can serve you in any capacity, that fact justifies our existence as a denominational agency. Remember, it is among you as one that serveth.

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W. A. HARRELL

W. A. Harrell, Secretary of the Department of Church Architecture, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be with us for the Mississippi Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, March 13-14.

We are always delighted to have this fine and useful servant with us in Mississippi. He is doing a great work in helping Southern Baptists in the important matter of getting better church buildings.

So, plan to see and meet Mr. Harrell at our convention, and hear him speak on church buildings.

USE THIS OPPORTUNITY

There are different ways of helping ourselves to become more useful in the Lord's work. There are times and seasons for different parts of our work. All may be very helpful if we only use them right.

Sunday School workers over the state have one such opportunity in the very near future—March 13-14—in the Mississippi Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Jackson. The men and women on this program are among the very best in their lines to be found anywhere. So, use this opportunity to help your school by planning definitely for your officers and teachers to attend. Get cars, buses, ready and come. If you cannot stay for both days, come for one of them. Each day's program is great, and each day has both age-group conferences and general periods of music and inspiration. We will be looking for you at this Convention.

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Do you want overnight entertainment in a home in Jackson during the Sunday School Convention?

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However, don't wait until you get here to make this request. Do it at once. Waiting until arrival may be too late. Act now.

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S JOB

The above is the title of the new book by Dr. C. E. Matthews, and may be secured at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., for 60 cents per copy.

Dr. Matthews is secretary of the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and this book on per-

sonal soul-winning is out of his rich experience and years of study.

VBS CLINIC DATES SET

Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Bolivar association missionary, has set the date of his Vacation Bible school clinic for April 12, in the Lyon Church.

Missionary H. H. Ward, Carroll and Montgomery associations, has set his clinics as follows: Kilmichael, April 24; Winona, April 25; Vaiden, April 30, and Carrollton, May 1.

Good programs are planned and practical matters will be dealt with. That is the way to have not only more schools this year, but to also have much better schools. Let's increase the efficiency of the work along with the number of the schools. Both are very important.

Who else has clinics planned? Write us and we will help you publicize them.

THE LAST CALL

This is the very last call to attend the Sunday School Convention for this year. Don't let it get by you without taking full advantage of it.

We have the same capable people for this convention that are on the Ridgecrest programs. We are thoroughly sold on Ridgecrest, but many people will never get there who can come to Jackson, March 13-14, for our Mississippi Sunday School Convention.

So, hitch up old Dobbin to the buckboard and drive in to Jackson for this Convention. Make it count for your Sunday School. Have some one from your school in each age group conference and get all the good things these fine leaders have to give us.

Then, come for the two evening sessions. Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. D. M. Nelson are the speakers. Both are great and worth listening to and heeding.

We will be looking for you at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13-14. Come one, come all. Well, not quite all, either; but many of you anyway.

NOT TOO LATE YET

If the bad weather prevented you from having your study in some book on evangelism, in preparation for the crusade, there is still time to have it.

So, have that study yet. Set another date and go right ahead with the plans for it. It will be well worth the time, and will be good training for your people.

Blanks for reporting these classes will be sent on request.

STRESSES JAIL MISSIONS

Percy Williams, director of the jail missions, recently spoke at Clarke College to explain the work that is being done through the jail missions in Meridian on Sunday mornings. This work is sponsored by the Fifteenth Avenue Church.

Bill Boeck presented the problem of the need for jail missions. He challenged the audience with the question, "Are we going to continue to let these men and women in our jails suffer when

Winona, First, Ordains 4 Deacons

John E. Aldridge, S. E. Caldwell, J. V. Ferguson, and S. R. Hammond were ordained as deacons of the First Church, Winona, on February 25, having been elected by secret ballot.

Deacon M. C. Billingsley presented candidate Aldridge for ordination; Deacon S. F. Harwood presented S. E. Caldwell; Deacon O. D. Brent presented J. V. Ferguson; and Deacon E. A. Hammond presented his brother, S. R. Hammond. The pastor read the scriptural qualifications for the office of deacon and all of the candidates publicly affirmed their intention to seek to fulfill the obligations expected of them. The pastor prayed the ordination prayer which was followed by "the laying on of hands."

The others who were already serving as functioning deacons are: M. C. Billingsley, O. D. Brent, E. W. Eubank, S. F. Harwood, E. A. Hammond, H. C. Hammond, B. F. Heath, E. M. James, Sr., H. T. Landrum, L. E. Townsend, A. H. Wynn. C. K. Oliver is an honorary deacon.

The deacons have been requested to present the closing assembly programs of the Training Union for March, using the following subjects: "Do You Know Your Church?", "Do You Know Your Denomination?", "Do You Know Baptist Doctrine?", "Do You Know Baptist Life?"

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MISS SARAH FRANCES KING

Shown above is Miss Sarah Frances King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman King who has a perfect record in Sunday School attendance for four consecutive years. She is a member of the Bethlehem Church Scott County. Mrs. Pat Merchant is her Sunday School teacher. Rev. Taylor H. Wallace is the pastor.

they need to know Christ?"

Frank Lowe explained that he liked to go on jail missions because of the opportunity of service to tell others the good news of salvation and to carry out the Commission of Christ.

Marion Ball emphasized the fact that one does not have to be a preacher in order to go on jail missions.

A letter from a man saved in jail and a testimony on record gave evidence to the accomplishments that are being made by those who are sharing the good news of salvation through the means of jail missions.

MACON ORDAINS SHURTZ



RICHARD M. SHURTZ

On Wednesday evening, February 21, the First Church, Macon, ordained Richard Milton (Dick) Shurtz to the full work of the ministry. Composing the ordaining council were Pastors W. L. Compere, of Northside Church, Jackson; Carey Cox of First Church, West Point; A. C. Furr of Border Springs Church, Columbus; Joe Abrams, Shuqulak; R. D. Pearson, Macon; and Deacons T. Dickson, Jackson, and Frank Hurst, Macon.

The sermon was preached by Mr. Compere, Dr. Cox delivered the charge to the candidate, and Mr. Abrams gave a charge to the church. The Bible was presented by the pastor.

Mr. Shurtz has been active in both preaching and in singing in evangelistic meetings and as supply. During the summer months he is leading in a religious life camp (Camp Lake Forest) in Noxubee County.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 12—P. D. Houston, president, District I, Brotherhood; Miss Linda Berry, Blue Mountain faculty.

March 13—State Sunday School Convention; Mrs. T. L. Everett, Clarke College faculty.

March 14—State Sunday School Convention; Mrs. T. E. Elam, Sharkey-Issaquena Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

March 15—Mrs. Essie Schwartz, Executive Housekeeper, Baptist Hospital; Mrs. T. W. Goodwin, Grenada Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

March 16—Mrs. C. M. Carter, House Mother, Baptist Orphanage; Don Baker, Deer Creek Associational Brotherhood President.

March 17—Mrs. Silas B. Cooper, Gunter Hall hostess, Mississippi College; A. G. Shepherd, Jr., District VII, Training Union president.

March 18—Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Marks, Women's College trustee.

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THE NUMBER OF CHURCHES IN the SBC having services each Sunday increased 1,298 during the past year to reach 15,073, compared with 13,775 in 1949, and only 4,203 in 1933. The number of churches having services only once each month dropped from 4,107 to 3,574 during the year. In 1933, there were 14,897 churches with services only once a month. There were 8,730 churches with preaching twice each month reported, compared with 9,029 in 1949.

PUCKETT CHURCH, RANKIN County, plans to complete their new building soon. A large group of men and women carried lunch to the church and did much work on February 26. Rev. W. T. Miller, pastor, taught a mission book in the afternoon to the ladies.

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SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, THE WORK BEARS FRUIT

Spain: The prospect is that Baptists of Barcelona will soon have a place of worship of which Southern Baptists will be proud. Baptists have been worshipping in out-of-the-way place on an unpaved street not far from a stable. This new building, which Southern Baptists bought and are adapting to church needs, is the first decent place of worship. Baptists work in Spain has been carried on with great difficulty. The pressure is not as severe as it has been, though there is still not religious freedom as we know it in America.

Italy: The Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome has 12 students, one of whom is a Swiss. With approaches from a German, a Yugoslav, and a Hollander it seems as if the institution is on the way to becoming an international school for girls.

Switzerland: The Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich has 18 nationalities represented in its student body. All are from Europe except four—an American, an Algerian, a Jordanian, and an Egyptian. Plans are just about complete for the erection of new buildings, the first of which will be a dormitory-dining room combination.

Yugoslavia: Rev. John Allen Moore, professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, recently spent three weeks in Yugoslavia, where he used to serve as missionary. He says: "The attitude toward Americans is some better but the fears and suspicions in general on the part of the authorities seem to be greater than two years ago." He visited a number of churches representing the various groups of Yugoslav Baptists—Serb, Croat, Slovak, Hungarian, and Rumanian. "We visited two of the three churches we have helped to build since the war," he reported. "They were crowded to overflowing." The only thing in the way of Baptist literature being published in Yugoslavia is a mimeographed devotional quarterly.

Korea: Communication has been established with Korean Baptists through David Ahn, a co-worker with Missionary John A. Abernathy, who is in Pusan. Dr. Cauthen reports that through him we are able to get relief funds to the Baptists of Korea.

Japan: The seminary building at Fukuoka is under construction and the administration building at Seinan Gakuin will soon be started.

Nigeria: Missionary L. R. Brothers wrote, "We have concluded some of the finest revival meetings I have experienced in Nigeria. The three churches, Alpat, Olukun, and Oluponna, had simultaneous meetings and together saw over 200 professions of faith."

Missionary J. S. McGee writes, "I have baptized 548 converts since I returned to Nigeria a year and a half ago, and Pastor Fatunla has baptized 137. With the exception of a few old people, all of these have been taught to read. I have one small church with 70 learning to read."

Southern Rhodesia: Missionary Clyde J. Dotson and Rev. E. M. Darroll, an outstanding young South African Baptist pastor, have recently surveyed the Zambezi Valley. They report that aside from a few Roman Catholic outstations, the whole district is untouched by the gospel. Dr. Darroll was so impressed with

the need that he has offered his services on a contract basis to the Foreign Mission Board in order that a foundation in that neglected area may be laid.

Jerusalem: Miss Eunice Fenderson says, "Never in the history of missions in this land have we had such opportunities and open doors as we were privileged to have this past year. We thank God for the consent of the Israeli Government to broadcast the gospel in Hebrew over Kol Israel (The Voice of Israel)."

Siam: Good beginning in this land of 17,000,000 people where one out of 1,700 confesses Christ as Saviour. Two couples and two single ladies are now in Bangkok.

Philippines: Three centers have been opened and the work is being strengthened. Splendid beginning is being made in Manila with the work directed toward the Chinese population.

Indonesia: Shortage of housing has held up visas for our missionaries, but indications are that the way is now being opened.

Formosa: Six lady missionaries now represent Southern Baptists. In the capital city there is a church, a gospel center and a definite witness to the students of the government university. Missionaries report most unusual opportunities and stress need for additional personnel. Dr. Cauthen is planning an early trip there.

Peru: The Board, at its February meeting, appropriated \$5,000 for pioneer work in Lima, Peru. Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Oates, who were appointed for Chile originally, went to Peru a few months ago after completion of language study in Medellin, Colombia. They have reported their first conversion and have obtained permission to remain there as full-fledged missionaries with the assurance that additional missionaries will not encounter serious trouble in obtaining permits. Senor Gamarra, one of the Argentine seminary graduates, and family have moved from La Paz, Bolivia, to assist in the opening of this new work.

Paraguay: The hospital in Asuncion continues to progress. The last building is getting roofed and the tile is being laid in the patients' ward. Dr. Franklin Fowler reports that many of the doctors in town have been out to see the hospital, most of them wanting to work out there when the hospital is opened. He wrote, "We had the visit of the director of the military hospital and the surgeon general of the army. They were quite impressed."

Mexico: The Board has purchased one-half block of land in Torreon for the location of the new seminary building. The men and women now attending the seminary are meeting classes in the educational building of the First Baptist Church. They are living in rented properties.

Ecuador: The Ecuadorian Mission will organize its first church on February 25 at Quito. Announcements have been prepared with the hours of services on one side and the 1951 calendar on the other. The Mission's first service was held in November.

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YOU CANNOT DO TODAY'S BUSINESS with yesterday's tools and expect to be in business tomorrow.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

W. M. U. CONVENTION March 20 - 22 First Baptist Church, Jackson

Mark this date on your calendar! We are expecting 2,000 visitors and delegates and want to count you in.

BUSINESS WOMEN will have a banquet Tuesday evening at 6:15 at the First Baptist Church. We are expecting 375. They will be seated in a reserved section during the evening session.

HOME MISSION SPEAKER



DR. L. E. GREEN

Dr. L. E. Green of Prentiss, Mississippi, the Member of the Home Mission Board from Mississippi is to be the "Home Mission" speaker. He was one of the preachers in the recent Bahama Island Preaching Mission. He will share with us some of those experiences and impressions.

MISSIONARY TO SPAIN



REV. J. D. HUGHEY, JR.

Rev. Hughey, a native of South Carolina has served as a Southern Baptist Missionary of Spain since 1947. He was the official representative from Spain to the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen in 1947. He is a student of European affairs and will help us understand our task and opportunities in that nation.

GLIMPSES OF GARAYWA Meet The People Who Plan And Direct Camps!



MISS NELL TAYLOR

This week we present MISS NELL TAYLOR, native Mississippian, who for the past five years has served as state YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY for Woman's Missionary Union of the state. As director of girls' camps at CAMP GARAYWA, she will be in charge of the following camps this summer:

Girls' Auxiliary Camps

Four Junior G.A. weeks—May 21-26, August 13-18, 20-25, and Aug. 27-Sept. 1.
Two Int. G.A. weeks—May 28-June 2; August 6-11.

Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp

August 1-5—All-state camp. (Miss Taylor will also chaperone a group of Mississippi Y.W.A.'s to RIDGECREST, N. C., for the Convention-wide Y.W.A. camp. The date is JULY 5-11.)

(Watch this column next week for another CAMP PERSONALITY!)

W. H. PETERS ORDAINED

Will Henry Peters was ordained to the Gospel ministry recently by the Greenlaw Church near Osyka. Assisting in the service were former college friends and present classmates at New Orleans Seminary.

The song service was led by Joe Mefford, pastor of Osyka Church. Charge to the candidate, charge to the church, and presentation of the Bible were made by James L. Knight, student at New Orleans Seminary. W. Eugene Grubbs, pastor of Seven Hills Church, Mobile, preached the ordination sermon; Dr. W. H. Clapp, pastor of Carrollton Avenue Church, New Orleans, was general moderator for the service; and Carl Duck, pastor of Line Creek Church, Kentwood, Louisiana, was clerk of the examination council.

Mr. Peters' nine-year-old son, William, will be the first person whom his dad baptizes.

HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour on Sunday afternoon, March 11.

He will be heard over the following stations in Mississippi:

WJBM, Brookhaven, 1:30 PM; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 PM; WJPR, Greenville, 6:00 PM; WSLI, Jackson, 1:30 PM; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 PM; WAPF, McComb, 2:30 PM; WCOC, Meridian, 2:30 PM; WROB, West Point.

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MUSIC ASSOCIATION IN LAMAR COUNTY COMPLETED

A well attended music festival was held in the Oral Church in Lamar Association on Sunday afternoon Feb. 25. The highlight of the meeting was the setting up of the Lamar Baptist Music Association. Rev. E. M. Bilbo, pastor at Sumrall, and moderator of the association presided at the business session. The following officers were elected: Mr. Frank Aultman, President; Mr. R. M. Sumrall, Vice President; and Rev. L. D. Wall, pastor of Greenville Church in Lamar, Sec-Tres. The recommended constitution by the State Music Department was adopted. A well rounded program of music was presented with special numbers and plenty of good congregational singing led by various church directors.

The article that follows is a copy of the back page of the Oral Church Bulletin for Feb. 18, and written by Rev. F. C. Norris, pastor.

OUR PEOPLE SING

We have had a good time in our music school this week. Bro. Morgan is a great teacher. You have been faithful. We are thankful. Our young people have participated in a fine way. We've had visitors from other churches every night. Welcome, visitors! We will have groups from the other churches of our association next week.

We will continue our school through next week, closing with an associational hymn festival Sunday afternoon from two to four o'clock, in which all the

churches of our association are expected to take part.

Bro. Morgan will present plans for the setting up of an associational music festival to be sponsored, directed, and safe-guarded by the churches of our association.

I have long wanted to see a church music program, church centered, sponsored and controlled by the churches of the association, looking toward a better church music program in our churches. Brethren, I believe this is "It."

When you see and understand what our state music secretary has to offer to our association, I believe that you will agree.

Our teacher especially urges every member of our youth choir to be present Monday night. Let us all make a special effort to attend the school every night this week. Those of you who cannot attend the school, will, by all means, want to attend the music festival, next Sunday afternoon, February 25, at 2:00-4:00 P. M.

PANOLA ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MUSIC SCHOOL

A central music school will open on Monday night, March 12 at the Peach Creek Church in Panola Association. All churches in Panola are urged to attend and participate in the school. The week of study will be climaxed with a mass hymn festival on Sunday afternoon, March 18.

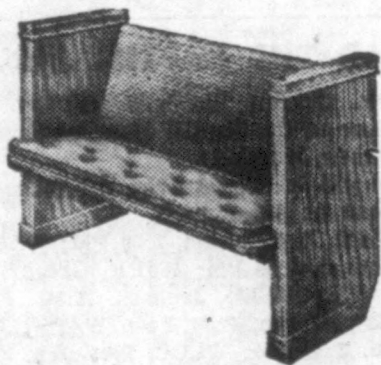
REV. T. C. BANKSTON

Rev. Thomas C. Bankston, 83, retired Baptist minister and life-long citizen of Smith county, died suddenly in Laurel at 11 a.m. Monday, March 5.

For the past 52 years he served churches in Smith and Simpson counties.

Funeral services were held at Union Church, Raleigh, Wednesday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. B. H. Benton, assisted by Rev. Dan Moulder of Lorena, Quinton Floyd of Raleigh and W. A. Keel of Taylorsville. Burial was in the church cemetery with Masonic rites.

He is survived by four daughters, Miss Bettie Thornton, Miss Mae Anderson and Miss Sara Attwood, Mize, and Miss Henrietta Jordan Taylorville; six sons, Rev R. O. Bankston, Clinton, W. J. Mize, J. H., Mobile, Ala., J. T., Taylorsville, C. C., Mize, A. G., Laurel; 26 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers.



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MISS FRANCES L. BROWN

Shown above is Miss Frances L. Brown who has been added to the music faculty at the New Orleans Seminary effective September 1. Miss Brown has her Bachelor of Arts with a major in music from Brenau College, and the Bachelor of Music degree from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. She expects to receive the Master of Music degree there next May.

She has had special training and experience in piano, voice, organ and choral conducting. While at Westminster she has been a member of the student council and the chapel committee. She has sung with choirs in several performances with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in Carnegie Hall.

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"CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE CHOSEN the church for first place in their loyalty when they have made it a channel of investment of their material possessions for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world." —J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Sparks & Splinters

W. R. ROBERTS, STATE BROTHERHOOD Secretary, is scheduled to preach in a revival at Hopewell Church in Copiah County March 25-30 and at Toomsu in Lauderdale County April 1-6. Rev. Earl Brooks is pastor at Hopewell and Rev. J. L. Morgan is pastor at Toomsu.

DR. J. B. ROUNDS, SUPERINTENDENT of Southern Baptist Indian Missions, will retire April 1, and C. W. Stumph, senior Baptist missionary to Indians in New Mexico, will retire June 1.

DR. WILLIAM P. DAVIS, PASTOR, will do the preaching at the Flora Church during the Crusade revival, March 25-April 1. Rev. C. E. (Dan) Patch will lead the singing.

THE NATIONAL PRODUCTION ADMINISTRATION reports that construction of new churches is not affected by construction controls now in force unless the new building contains dining rooms, auditoriums, and recreational facilities not used primarily for worship. If any questions are raised, church committees are asked to write to Construction Controls Division, National Production Administration, 801, E. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Telephone calls and personal visits are discouraged as permits can be granted only in writing.

A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE BAPTIST RECORD is Antioch Church in Lawrence County. They proved it again a few days ago when they sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. The list was sent by R. D. Lambert, church clerk. Rev. Bert E. Lewis, Mississippi College student, is the pastor of this good church.

AMONG THE MANY CHURCHES helping the Baptist Record to almost reach the 69,000 mark during the month of February was Tillabothia Church. They sent a nice list through the treasurer, G. T. Lyon.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Copiah County Association. The minutes are attractive and within its 29 pages gives complete information concerning the association. Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb is the moderator and T. M. Farrar is the clerk.

AMONG THE RECENT VISITORS in the Baptist Building were: Rev. M. P. Jones, Wesson; Mrs. J. H. Moss, Jackson; Rev. Taylor H. Wallace, Ludlow; Rev. and Mrs. Ray F. Dykes, Tyler-town; Rev. and Mrs. Willie P. Spiers, Pinola; Rev. Fallas Wallace, Tylertown; Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, Catchings; Ruth Scarborough, Jackson; Rev. A. Reece Acklin, Rev. Billy Fancher, Clinton; Dr. T. N. Touchstone, Jackson; Rev. John P. Vandercook, Anding; Mrs. J. D. Haralson, Duncan; R. J. Stout, Paul E. Williams, Jackson; Rev. J. C. Allen, Carthage; Mrs. W. L. Hodgins, Betty Valentine, J. C. Renfro, Jackson; Mrs. Melvin T. Wilson, Liberty, Louise Cartledge, Jackson.

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING AN EXTRA supply of EGGS from your poultry yard at this time we would be glad for you to share a few of them with the children of the Orphanage. It takes fifteen dozen or one hundred and eighty a meal, and that is one egg per person. Thanks for all you do for the children and your continued cooperation. W. G. Mize, superintendent.

IN ANSWER TO THE INQUIRY BY Rev. Dan Moulder, Deacon and Mrs. D. W. Martin, members of Salem Church in Walthall County, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on September 4, 1950, according to Rev. Dallas Wallace, pastor. They are known as "Uncle Doc and Aunt Mollie."

DR. GUY NEWMAN, WHO HAS served for several months as interim pastor, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Brownwood, Texas. He succeeds Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, who resigned the pastorate in order to assume his present position as Executive Secretary of the Foundation Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Dr. Newman was formerly assistant to the president of Baylor University.

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S JOB BY DR. C. E. Matthews and published by the Broadman's Press, is a study of and a challenge on soul-winning. The seven chapters go into detail concerning proper approaches, planned visitation programs, etc. One award, either for Training Union or Sunday School, is granted for completing the book. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Walthall County Association which met at Dinan Church. The minutes were sent in by Deacon H. A. Scott of Tylertown. The materials used are of good quality and add much to the attractive appearance of the minutes. D. M. Ginn is the moderator and Edward R. O'Quinn is the clerk.

WILKINSON MEMORIAL CHURCH IN Smith County is another faithful friend of the Baptist Record. Recently a long list of new and renewal subscriptions was sent in by Shelby Bounds, the church treasurer. Such churches as these, both large and small are the secret of the almost 69,000 circulation.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of new subscriptions from Melvor Church, sent by Mrs. D. W. Towles. This list helped the Baptist Record toward the 69,000 mark.

FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OFFICERS and messengers who attend the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June, 1951, an attractive trip has been arranged by the Southern Pacific Railroad, taking every advantage of valuable diversified route privileges, available on round-trip railroad tickets so that they may see the maximum of the wonderful American West for a minimum cost. Their advertising appears on another page. Read it and write for information.

THE JOINT DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP of the National Council reports contributions per member in the U. S. reached an average of \$30.58 in 1950, compared with \$27.43 in 1949. Southern Baptists gave \$27.85 per member on an average in 1950.

ANNOUNCED TO PREACH (\$1.50), which was written especially for ministers and more so for young ministers, has been written by Dr. Clovis G. Chappe, who spent a long life in the pastorate. Well representing the subject matter are its six chapter titles: The Preacher's Call, His Major Emphasis, The Sermon, Preparing the Sermon, Our Finest Hour and Keeping Fit. Order from the publisher, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, or from the Baptist Book Store.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracy Campbell.
March 11.
JESUS ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY.
Mark 11-13. (Read this passage).
I. THREE INSTANCES OF SUCH ASSERTION

1. The Royal Entry. Mark 11:1-11.
This triumphal entry was Jesus' calm and positive assertion of His authority as King of Israel. He chose to come to His capital city. A king of oriental countries always came when they came in peace. For an oriental monarch to enter a city in his kingdom mounted on a war horse or riding in a chariot would have been understood as a declaration of war against that city.

But the king who came mounted upon an ass declared thereby his pleasure with the city and his peaceful design in entering it. Jesus is the Prince of Peace who came to bring His people the heavenly peace that passeth all understanding.

2. Authority Over the Temple. Mark 11:11, 15-18.

In verse 11 we see that he passed the character of the doings in the temple under inspection. "He had looked around about upon all things," had passed the things that men were doing there under critical notice. The eyes of the Lord are in every place taking note of the course of occurrences. Whether in your church, your home, your heart, the Lord asserts His right to see what goes on. On the day following His inspection of the temple, he returned to it to cleanse it of the unclean things that had polluted it. He literally came to "clean house."

From the outside of the temple courts where they originally sold their animals for sacrifice and practiced their business as money changers, the dealers had moved into the temple courts to traffic and accrue profits from their business. This they had undoubtedly done with the consent and encouragement of the men who had charge of the temple and the temple worship. So as far as legal right was concerned, the traffickers in the temple had a right there—the same sort of right that bootleggers have in a county where the sheriff has sold out to them, though these men in the temple were doing their business in the name of religion and for purposes religious. Terrible condition! But there are places where men and women now gamble for profit of the church, yes, and do a lot of other things as bad as these men were doing. But Jesus the High Priest came and once and for all settled the matter of what God thinks of this sort of thing.

3. The First and Great Commandment. (Read it in Luke 10:27).

The question of the scribe was a sincere one. He wanted to hear from Jesus' own lips what He considered the great commandment, and Jesus answered him right out of the law Deuteronomy 6:4, 5, and Leviticus 19:18. The fundamental mistake has been that we have thought of two commandments instead of one. This double commandment of love to God and love to neighbor cannot be safely divided. The surest proof of love to God comes out of manifestations of love to neighbors. Here, then, our Lord is asserting His authority as interpreter of the law.

II. DENUNCIATION OF ALL AUTHORITY—THE INCIDENT OF THE FIG TREE, AND TEACHING IN CONSEQUENCE

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25.

1. Jesus and the disciples were going out to Bethany each evening and back into Jerusalem the next morning. It may be He had prayed all night and had left Bethany without breakfast, and that the twelve with Him were also hungry. In this condition, He saw a roadside fig tree in full leaf. When upon coming to the tree and finding no fruit



CARL ALLEN HUDSON

By C. LAMAR ALEXANDER
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During the past eight months, God has called five men of the First Church, Pascagoula, to give their lives as ministers of the Gospel. Three of these were licensed in January.

In January the church licensed Carl Allen Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hudson of Pascagoula, who surrendered his life last fall. He is a min-



RETUS G. BILBO

isterial student at Mississippi College.

Retus G. Bilbo, another faithful member of the choir, surrendered to the ministry on December 31 and has been licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. Bilbo has been serving as superintendent of the Jackson Avenue Mission Sunday School, promoted by the church. He has a wife, two sons and a daughter who will move to Newton with him when he enters Clarke College in March.



FRANCIS V. CANTY

Francis V. Canty, a teacher of a class of boys in one of the Intermediate departments of our Sunday School, is also a faithful worker in the Training Union. Mr. Canty, on January 7, yielded his life to preach the Word. He, along with his wife and small son, Jimmy, will move soon to Newton, where Mr. Canty will enter Clarke College as a ministerial student.

Dr. Charles McKay is the pastor.

GOD NEVER GIVES AN IMPRESSION without furnishing the means for its expression.

upon it, He sentenced it to perpetual barrenness. In one day it withered away from the roots. What can we say the incident is intended to teach. (a) The fig tree a symbol of the Jewish nation, God's chosen people. The heart of the Lord is hungry for the fruit of the lives of His people. (b) The wayside fig tree, by its leaves gave promise to the eye of fruit, for the fruit, we are told begins growing on the trees of that country by the time the leaves begin to bud. And fig tree in full leaf may be presumed to have fruit upon it. If it has none, the tree has made a pretense untrue to fact.

2. The Lord is hungry for the fruit of His people.

3. The Jewish nation made great pretense to vital Godliness.

4. The Lord came to this people and found their religion only a pretense.

5. He laid the penalty of death upon the nation which pretended a Godliness which it did not fulfill.

6. Down to the last second of speeding time, God has by this incident pronounced the doom of all hollow pretense in religion.

THE ONE CONDITION OF ALL REAL PRAYER. "Have faith in God." This is a strong expression. Hold a steadfast trust and confidence in God. So far as the disciples were concerned, here was one of the main teachings of the incident of the fig tree. The disciples were very soon to be passed through fiery trials, and their Lord would strengthen and prepare them for these trials. "Shall say unto this mountain, 'Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea.'" And the mountain symbolizes any difficulty in the world.

Let the Christian pray and believe and not doubt in his heart, and the thing he requests shall come to pass. The exercise of faith in miracles, as well as in prayer, must be in accordance with the will of God. True faith is so far in harmony with that will, that it really asks nothing contrary to it. The mountain symbolizes any great and apparently insurmountable difficulty. Faith not only trusts but works. By works the man of faith cooperates with God oftentimes in answering his own prayer. He confronts the mountain with active faith and the mountain disappears.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD
40 Years Ago

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi making two quarterly reports, lists the following gifts: Home Missions, \$784.48; State Missions, \$1,024.18; Foreign Missions, \$904.00; Orphanage, \$1,166.64; Seminary, \$128.50; Training School, \$214.90; Endowment (M. C.), \$72.50; Ministerial Education, \$11.40; Old Ureachers, \$52.95; Margaret Fund, \$43.65; Home Uses, \$3,592.00. Making a total of \$7,993.20. Mrs. W. A. McComb is president of the W.M.U. of the State.

25 Years Ago

Pastor C. J. Olander of Booneville writes to assure the Baptist Record readers that Booneville is "really in Mississippi", and they are looking for Brother J. E. Byrd for a week's Sunday School training course.

The Highland Church of Meridian set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry by ordaining one of her members, Wineland Stone. Besides Pastor W. C. McGill the ordaining council consisted of Rev. Blanding S. Vaughn of South Side, Rev. J. C. Richardson of Forty-First Avenue and Rev. Eugene Stephens of Popular Springs Drive.

FINAL LOUISIANA TABULATION shows 1,038 churches, 292,405 church members, 187,991 Sunday school enrollment, 16,783 baptisms, 82,855 enrolled in Training Union, 41, 218 enrolled in W.M.U. organizations, and 11,998 enrolled in Brotherhood. Total gifts amounted to \$8,589,910 with 1,374,218 going to mission causes outside the local church.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

In appreciation of Pastor A. H. Miller, who served the Pleasant Ridge Church of Holmes County for more than 25 years, the church adopted the following resolutions concerning Pastor Miller:

First, we know Brother Miller to be a true consecrated man of God, humble in spirit, sympathetic, courageous, loving people in the true spirit of Jesus Christ. He shared our joys and our sorrows. Rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

Second, his going from us leaves pleasant memories of his noble service for us. Our love, our prayers and good wishes go with him.

Third, may God bless and prosper him in his new work, and may he serve the people as faithfully as he served us.

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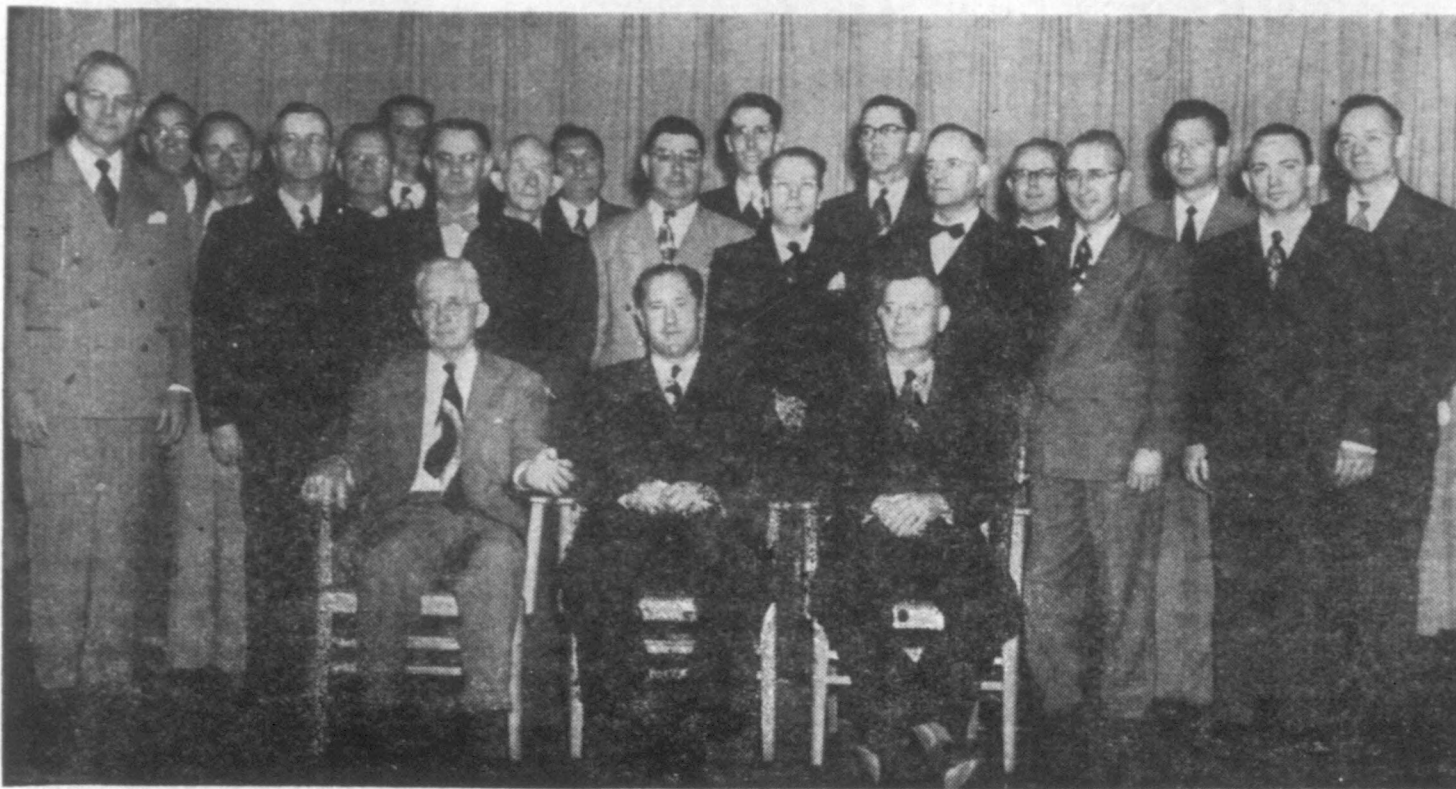
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John B. Laney To Head Associational Missionaries

Ward Is Vice-President and Everitt Secretary-Treasurer; Next Meet Feb. 18-22, '52



Above is pictured the Mississippi Associational Missionaries and some of the principal speakers who have been in attendance at the Annual Associational Missionaries Institute held at Clarke College February 19-22. It was one of the best meetings the missionaries have had in their six years since organization. They were almost one hundred per cent in attendance, and the messages throughout were inspiring and challenging.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. Phil Walker, retiring president who has recently become a field worker for Clarke College.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Rev. John B. Laney, Calhoun Association, president; Rev. H. H. Ward, Montgomery-Carroll Association, vice-president; Rev. Charles Everitt, Bolivar Association, secretary and treasurer.

The next annual meeting will be held at Clarke College February 18-22, 1952.

Front row left to right are: H. T. McLaurin, vice-president, Newton; Phil J. Walker, Newton, president; M. C. Wald-rup, Riverside, secretary-treasurer.

Middle row left to right: Dr. Harry L. Spencer, Secretary Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Jackson; Kenneth Hall,

Attala; H. H. Ward, newly elected vice-president, Montgomery-Carroll; J. D. Thompson, Prentiss; Charles Everitt, newly elected secretary-treasurer, Bolivar; Wallace Harrell, Jackson; R. B. Patterson, Sr., Alcorn; J. N. Holloway, Marion; Evan Ingram, Mississippi.

Back row left to right: N. C. Hickman, Winston; O. B. Anderson, Gulf Coast; C. J. Rushing, Jones; Dr. W. E. Greene, President Clarke College; Roy Self, Scott; Fred Brown, Benton; Boyd Lecroy, Pontotoc; John B. Laney, newly elected president, Calhoun; T. C. Johnson, Columbus; Dr. J. T. Gillespie, Field Secretary Rural Church Program Southern Baptist Convention.

Operation Prayerlift To Circle The Globe

BERKELEY, Calif. —(BP)— Dr. Jack B. Fellows recently embarked on "Operation Prayerlift," a globe girding effort in Christian witnessing. He left this country for Japan in mid-February emphasizing the urgency of "by all means winning some." The well-known recreational leader stressed the importance of using recreation, publicity, and arts and crafts in winning people to Christ.

Dr. Fellows, a professor in religious education at Central Baptist Seminary (American) in Kansas City, will make surveys of religious and recreational activities of the people of other lands. These surveys will be used in promoting a greater understanding between the people of the United States to men in the camps and hospitals of the Pacific area. They will continue their tour around the world for two months. In addition to collecting information on the religious, recreational, and social lives of the people, they will make sound films, slides, and tape recordings.

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REV. VICTOR KOON, FIELD SECRETARY of the Hawaiian Mission, extends a hearty invitation to Southern Baptists who are going to San Francisco for the Convention, to come on over to Hawaii and attend the summer encampment July 2-7. Take this opportunity of visiting the mission field and enjoy days of fellowship at Puu Ka Hea, beside the sea. Steamship reservations should be made immediately with Matson Navigation Company, 215 Market street, or American President Lines, 311 California street, San Francisco, California. Planes may be chartered for parties of 50. If interested write Baptist Headquarters, 211 Merchant street, Honolulu, Hawaii; Victor Koon, Field Secretary.

State Dept. Concerned Over Persecution Of Missionaries

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The State Department has announced that it is investigating the death of a 42-year-old Southern Baptist medical missionary which occurred on Feb. 10, while he was being held in prison by the Chinese Communists at Wuchow.

Michael McDermott, State Department press relations officer, in a formal statement said that the Department is "urgently seeking full particulars" on the death of Dr. William L. Wallace, of Knoxville, Tenn., who was head of Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow at the time of his arrest on Dec. 19, 1950.

NEW YORK—Tribute to the career of Dr. William Wallace, Southern Baptists missionary doctor who died in a Chinese Communists prison, was paid here by a Roman Catholic priest who was a missionary in the same city with him.

The Rev. Thomas Brack of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll Fathers) said that "the only possible sentence" the Communists could have passed on Dr. Wallace was "that he went about doing good."

Dr. Wallace was held incommunicado in prison from the time of his arrest and no charges were placed against him, Mr. McDermott said. He was in good health when he entered prison. No reason has been given by Communist

authorities for his death.

In response to questions from newsmen, Mr. McDermott said that the State Department has information that "many American missionaries" are being held in jail at the present time, but he refused to divulge any further facts or figures for fear of jeopardizing the Department's sources of information.

However, it was learned that American diplomats are seriously concerned over the wave of persecution that has been visited upon American missionaries and fear that wholesale arrests, imprisonment, and mistreatment may be imminent, if such a program of persecution has not already begun.

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THE CRUSADER, THE AMERICAN Baptist Newsmagazine, gives seven pages of its March issue to a discussion of "Southern Baptists, Big Business for the Lord." The articles are well written and plenty of photographs are used. It is a sympathetic, brotherly presentation of the work of Southern Baptists by our brethren of the American Baptist Convention. We hope that every reader of the Baptist Record will write to the American Baptist Newsmagazine, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, and enclose five cents for a copy of this interesting article on Southern Baptists by outsiders.

"TEACHING FROM THE OVERFLOW is the best way for a teacher to impart to his members the truths of life found in the Bible." —J. R. McKittrick, The Teacher.

Ward-Belmont Transferred To Tennessee Baptist Convention

Night's Rent Required By San Francisco Hotels

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. —(BP)— S.B.C. messengers reserving hotel rooms in San Francisco were cautioned this week to be sure to send as deposit enough money for one night's lodging. The announcement was made by Miss Marion E. Keller of the Southern Baptist Housing Bureau.

Miss Keller said, "The deposit requirements of our various hotels vary in wording, but the intent is the same for all—to obtain a sufficient deposit to cover the first night's rent. Since it is impossible to ask people to send in an exact amount until they know the price of the accommodations which they will be assigned, a rate of \$10 a room (or a minimum of \$5 per person in cases of multiple occupancy) is requested since this usually covers the cost of a room. For the larger hotels this amount is too little, for the smaller hotels too much. However, if any deposit is sent, the hotel seldom bothers to request an addition amount since a delegate is almost as loath to forfeit \$5 as \$10 or more."

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"THE BLAME FOR THE RISING toll of criminal casualties among young people cannot be justly placed on youth alone. It is on the inadequate and neglectful 'adult delinquent' that the greater share of blame must rest." —John Edgar Hoover, The Sunday School Builder.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— The historic Ward-Belmont school, located in Nashville, Tenn., has been transferred to the ownership and direction of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention on February 27 unanimously approved the proposition to take over the school, its assets and liabilities.

Dr. Charles W. Pope, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, stated that the Ward-Belmont properties consist of more than 20 acres of ground on which there are 44 buildings. The buildings consist of dormitories with a capacity of 800 students, dining room of 900 capacity, auditorium with a capacity of 950, an administration building, gymnasium, athletic fields, and various other buildings used for office purposes and residences. The property value has been variously estimated from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Tennessee Baptist Headquarters, now located at 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., will be moved to the Ward-Belmont campus within a few months.

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"PRAYER — GENUINE, HONEST prayer in which we seek what God wants us to do—not prayer in which we tell God what we want him to do—is the key to all power for evangelism. Over and over, we have seen meetings that were just that—meetings—changed into Pentecost through genuine prayer." —Jack R. Noffsinger, The Baptist Student.